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SUBJECT: GDR PROPOSES DATES FOR US-GDR CLAIMS TALKS

REF: A. BERLIN 6855, B. BERLIN 7019, C. BERLIN 7580.

1. US DESK OFFICER IN GDR FONMIN, ELM, TOLD EMBOFF NOVEMBER 18 THAT, IN RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS, GDR WAS PREPARED TO HOLD TALKS WITH US REPRESENTATIVES ON CLAIMS IN MARCH OF 1978 IN BERLIN. ELM PROPOSED TWO SETS OF ALTERNATIVE DATES: MARCH 22-23 OR MARCH 28-29. PROFESSOR KLEIER, DIRECTOR OF THE PROPERTY CLAIMS OFFICE, WILL REPRESENT GDR SIDE. ELM EMPHASIZED THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS, NOT NEGOTIATIONS. EMBOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOW-UP BY THE GDR ON US PROPOSALS FOR TALKS.

2. COMMENT: ELM'S PROPOSAL OF SPECIFIC DATES FOR TALKS ON CLAIMS MATTERS REPRESENTS POSITIVE GDR FOLLOW-
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THROUGH ON THE AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSALS FOR SUCH TALKS TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER (BERLIN 6855) AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GRUNERT (BERLIN 7019). IT APPEARS CLEAR FROM ELM'S REMARKS THAT THEY AGREE WITH OUR APPROACH THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HOLD TALKS ON PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE FORMAL CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS. WE THINK THIS IS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM WESTERN EMBASSY SOURCES THAT GDR WILL BE HOLDING CLAIMS TALKS/NEGOTIATIONS WITH SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS IN JANUARY, WITH DUTCH AND FRENCH IN FEBRUARY, AND WITH AUSTRIANS IN THE "SPRING". THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO GDR/UK CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS IN FEB-MARCH OF 1978 (BERLIN 8521).

4. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH SETS OF DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE HOPE DEPT REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AGREE TO EITHER SET OF DATES. IF NEITHER SET IS ACCEPTABLE PLEASE SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE DATES IN MARCH-APRIL PERIOD. BOLEN

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